

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to reduce excess claims fees, eliminate multiple dependencies, and broaden them. No new matter has been added to the application.

Enclosed are the following:

1. A Declaration;
2. A Power of Attorney;
3. A copy of the formalities letter dated 2/20/2004; and
4. A check in the amount of \$323 (surcharge: \$65; six extra independent claims: \$258) for government fees.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely. Please charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



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